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Very best flour \$2 per bag.

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as follows:—a.m. Tuesday: Minota, at 7 a.m.

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Oct. 11, 187.

Notice to Creditors!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that George

Lindsay of the Town of and City of Brandon in the

County of Winnipeg, and Province of Manitoba

(General Eberhart, has made an assignment to

Charles Meredith, of the City of Brandon, in the

County of Brandon, Banker of all his real and

personal estate, for the benefit of all his

creditors.

All creditors and others, having claims against

the said George Lindsay, or his estate, are re-

quested to send by post, prepared to the under-

signed within one month after this date, a veri-

fied statement of their names and addresses, and

of the securities held by them, and all debtors to

the said George Lindsay are requested to pay the

said Charles Meredith forthwith, the respective

amounts of their indebtedness.

Dated at Brandon this fourth day of February

A. 1885.

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30 acres thereof have been broken and under

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Thereon are the following improvements:—

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In other respects the terms and conditions of

sale shall be the standing conditions of sale of

this court.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Rob-

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By HUGH CONWAY.

CHAPTER 1.

IN DARKNESS AND IN DANGER.

I have a reason for writing this tale, or it would not become public property.

Once, in a moment of confidence, I made a friend acquainted with some curious circumstances connected with one period of my life. I believe I asked him to hold his tongue about them—he says not. Any way, he told another friend, with embellishments I suspect; this friend told another, and so on and on. What the tale grew to at last I shall probably never learn; but since I was weak enough to trust my private affairs to another I have been looked upon by my neighbors as a man with a his story—one who has a romance hidden away beneath an outwardly prosaic life.

For myself I should not trouble about this. I should laugh at the garbled versions of my story set floating about by my own indiscretion. It would matter little to me that one good friend has an idea that I was once a Communist and a member of the inner circle of a secret society—that another has heard that I have been tried on a capital charge—that another knows I was at one time a Roman Catholic, on whose behalf a special miracle was performed. If I were alone in the world and young, I dare say I should take no steps to still these idle rumors. Indeed, very young men feel flattered by being made objects of curiosity and speculation.

But I am not very young, nor am I alone. There is one who is dearer to me than life itself. One from whose heart, I am glad to say, every shadow left by the past is rapidly fading—one who only wishes to live her true sweet life without mystery or concealment—wishes to be thought neither better nor worse than she really is. It is she who shrinks from the strange and absurd reports which are flying about as to our antecedents—she who is vexed by those leading questions sometimes asked by inquisitive friends; and it is for her sake that I look up old journals, call back old memories of joy and grief, and tell every one who cares to read, all he can possibly wish to know, and, it may be, more than he has a right to know, of our lives. This done, my lips are sealed forever on the subject. My tale is here—let the inquisitive take his answer from it, not from me.

Perhaps, after all, I write this for my own sake as well. I also hate mysteries. One mystery which I have never been able to determine may have given me a dislike everything which will not admit of an easy explanation.

To begin, I must go back more years than I care to enumerate; although I could, if necessary, fix the day and the year. I was young, just past twenty-five. I was rich, having when I came of age succeeded to an income of about two thousand a year; an income which, being drawn from the funds, I was able to enjoy without responsibilities or anxiety as to its stability and endurance. Although since my twenty-first birthday I had been my own master I had no extravagant follies to weigh me down, no debts to hamper me, I was without bodily ache or pain; yet I turned again and again on my pillow and said that my life for the future would be little more than a curse to me.

Had Death robbed me of one who was dear to me? No; the only ones I had ever loved, my father and mother, had died years ago. Were my ravings those peculiar to an unhappy lover? No; my eyes had not yet looked with passion into a woman's eyes—and now would never do so. Neither Death nor Love made my lot seem to be the most miserable in the world.

I was young, rich, free as the wind to follow my own devices. I could leave England to-morrow and visit the most beautiful places on the earth; those places I had longed and determined to see. Now I knew I should never see them, and I groaned in anguish at the thought. My limbs were strong. I could bear fatigue and exposure. I could hold my own with the best walkers and the swiftest runners. The chase, the sport, the trial of endurance had never been too long or too arduous for me—I passed my left hand over my right arm and left the muscles as firm as of old. Yet I was as helpless as Samson in his captivity.

For, even as Samson, I was blind! Blind! Who but the victim can even faintly comprehend the significance of that word? Who can read and gauge the depths of my anguish

as I turned and turned on my pillow and thought of the fifty years of darkness which might be mine—a thought which made me wish that when I fell asleep it might be to wake no more?

Blind! After hovering around me for years the demon of darkness had at last laid his hand upon one. After letting me, for a while, almost cheat myself into security, he had swept down upon me, folied me in his sable wings and blighted my life. Fair forms, sweet sights, bright colors, gay scenes mine no more! He claimed them all, leaving me darkness, darkness, ever darkness! Far better to die, and it may be, wake in a new world of light—"Better," I cried in my despair, "better even the dull red gale of Hades than the darkness of the world!"

This last gloomy thought of mine shows the state of mind to which I was reduced.

The truth is that, in spite of hope held out to me, I had resolved to be helpless. For years I had felt that my foe was lying in wait for me. Often when gazing on some beautiful object, some fair scene, the right to enjoy which made me fully appreciate the gift of sight, a whisper seemed to reach my ear—"some day I will strike again, then it will be all over." I tried to laugh at my fears, but could never quite get rid of the presentiment of evil. My enemy had struck once—why not again?

Well, I can remember his first appearance—his first attack. I remember a light-hearted school-boy so engrossed in sport and study that he scarcely noticed how strangely dim the sight of one eye was getting, or the curious change which was taking place in its appearance. I remember the boy's father taking him to London, to a large dull-looking house in a quiet dull street. I remember our waiting in a room in which were several other people; most of whom had shades or bandages over their eyes. Such a doleful gathering it was that I felt much relieved when we were conducted to another room in which sat a kind pleasant-spoken man, called by my father Mr. Jay. This eminent man, after applying something which I know now was balladonna to my eyes, and which had the effect for a short time of wonderfully improving my sight, peered into my eyes by the aid of strong lenses and mirrors—I remember at the time wishing some of those lenses were mine—what splendid burning glasses they would make! Then he placed me with my back to the window and held a lighted candle before my face. All these proceedings seemed so funny that I was half inclined to laugh. My father's grave anxious face alone restrained me from so doing. As soon as Mr. Jay had finished his researches he turned to my father—

"Hold the candle as I held it. Let it shine into the right eye first. Now, Mr. Vaughan, what do you see? How many candles, I mean?"

"Three—the one in the centre small and bright, but upside down."

"Yes; now try the other eye. How many there?"

My father looked long and carefully.

"I can only see one," he said, "the large one."

"This is called the catoptric test, an old-fashioned but infallible test, now almost superseded. The boy is suffering from lenticular cataract."

This terrible sounding name took away all my wish to laugh. I glanced at my father and was surprised to notice his face wearing an expression of relief.

"That may be cured by an operation," he said.

"Certainly; but in my judgment it is not well to meddle, so long as the other eye remains unaffected."

"Is there danger?"

"There is always danger of the disease appearing in the sound eye; but, of course, it may not happen. Come to me at the first sign of such a thing. Good-morning."

The great specialist bowed us out, and I returned to my school life, troubling little about the matter, as it caused me no pain, and, although in less than a twelvemonth the sight of one eye was completely obscured, I could see well enough for every purpose with the remaining one.

But I remember every word of that diagnosis, although it was years before I recognized the importance of it. It was only when compelled by an accident to wear for some days a bandage over my sound eye that I realized the danger in which I stood, and from that moment felt that a merciless foe was ever waiting his time.

And now the time had come. In the first flush of my manhood, with all that one could wish for at my command, the foe had struck again.

He came upon me swiftly—far more swiftly than is his custom in such cases; yet it was long before I

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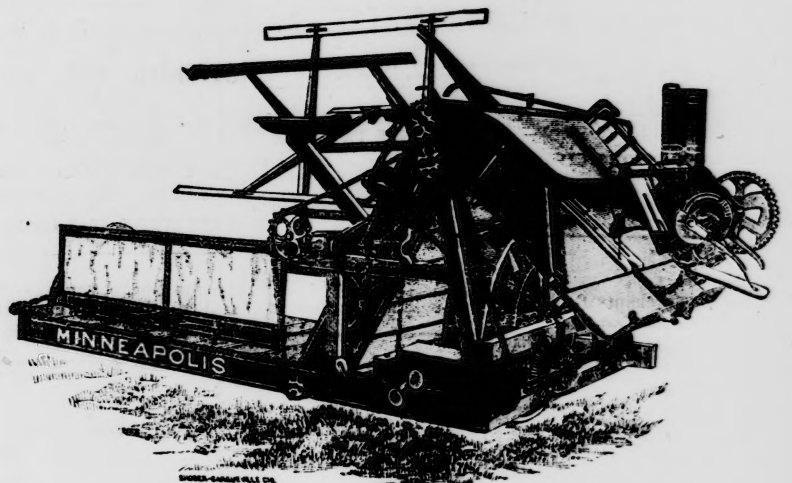
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would believe the worth—long before I would confess to myself that my failing sight and the increasing fogging of everything I looked were due to more than temporary weakness. I was hundreds of miles from home, in a country where traveling is slow. A friend being with me I had no wish to make myself a nuisance by cutting our expeditions short. So I said nothing for weeks, although at the end of each week my heart sank at the fresh and fearful advance made by the foe. At last, being unable to bear it, or in fact conceal it longer, I made known my condition to my comrade. We turned our faces homeward, and by the time London was reached and the long journey at an end, everything to me was blurred, dim and obscured. I could just see, that was all!

I flew to the eminent oculist's. He was out of town. Had been ill, even at the point of death. He would not be back for two months, nor would he see any patient until his health was quite restored.

I had pinned my faith upon this man. No doubt there was a skillful oculist in London, Paris, or other capitals; but it was my fancy that, if I was to be saved, I could only be saved by Mr. Jay. Dying men are allowed their whims: even the felon about to be hanged can choose his own breakfast, so I had an undoubted right to choose my own surgeon. I resolved to wait in darkness until Mr. Jay returned to his duties.

I was foolish. I had better have trusted myself in other clever hands. Before a month was over I had lost all hope, and at the end of six weeks I was almost distracted. Blind, blind, had I lost heart that I began to think I would not have the operation performed at all. Why doomed to darkness. The subtlest skill, the most delicate hand, the most modern appliances would never restore the light I have lost. For me the world was at an end.

Now that you know the cause, can you not imagine me, after weeks of darkness, broken in spirit, and, as I lay sleepless that night, almost wishing that the alternative refused by Job—to curse God and die—were mine? If you are unable to realize my condition, read the above to any one who has lost his sight. He will tell you what his feelings were when the calamity first came upon him. He will understand the depths of my woe!

I was not left entirely alone in my trouble. Like Job, I had comforters; but, unlike Eliphaz and Company, they were good-hearted fellows who spoke with cheerful conviction as to the certainty of my recovery. I was not so grateful for these visits as

I should have been. I hated the thought of any one seeing me in my helpless condition. Day by day my frame of mind grew more and more despondent and morbid.

My best friend was a humble one: Priscilla Drew, an old and trusted servant of my mother's. She had known me from earliest childhood. When I returned to England I could not bear the thought of trusting my helpless self entirely to a stranger's care, so I wrote to her and told her to come to me. I could at least groan and lament before her without feeling shame. She came, wept over me for a while, and then, like a sensible woman, bestirred herself to do all she could to mitigate the hardships of my lot. She found comfortable lodgings, installed her humble charge therein, and day and night was ever at his beck and call. Even now, as I lay awake and tossing in mental anguish, she was sleeping on an extemporized bed just outside the folding doors, which opened from my bed-room to the sitting-room.

It was a stifling night in August. The sluggish air which crept in through the open window made little perceptible difference in the temperature of my room. Every thing seemed still, hot and dark. The only sound I could hear was the regular breathing of the sleeper behind the door, which she had left an inch or two ajar in order that she might catch my faintest call. I had gone early to bed. What had I to wait up for now? It was sleep and sleep alone which brought to getfulness but to-night sleep refused to come to me. I struck my repeater. I had bought one in order that I might, at least, know the time. The little bell told me it was just past one o'clock. Craving for sleep I sighed and sank back upon my pillow, exhausted.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We have now completed such arrangements with the publishers of *Health and Home*, a first-class family paper, as will enable us to give it free next year, to those subscribers of the Mail who pay up all arrears, and remit \$2.00 for the year just entered upon. With this issue we send out statements to all in arrears to any extent, and shall look for a prompt response. Those who prefer the *Toronto Mail* or the *Toronto News* to *Health and Home*, can have either clubbed with our paper at \$2.50; in short we will give any other publication desired with the Mail, at a considerable reduction of the face value of both. We are fully aware that times are hard and money difficult to be got, and this is our chief reason for making a reduction in the regular price of our paper. It should also remind our readers that a newspaper cannot be run on the wind. We have a weekly out lay of very nearly \$100 in wages, rent, fuel and printing materials that must be met by prompt payments, which prevent us giving the credit for subscriptions money seem inclined to take. We must insist on a prompt settlement of all arrears, and we make this offer as an extra incentive.

C. CLIFFE,
Ed. & Prop.

In a late issue of our *confre*, Major Boulton had a defence for the high salary paid Mr. Buchanan, as Secy-Treas. of the Judicial Board which presents some peculiarities, view it as you may. He says that they, on taking office, found Mr. Buchanan enjoying a salary of \$1,100 as License Inspector and another of \$900 under the old Board system, and they could not ask him to resign both and take the one for much less than he was receiving. This is presuming that his services had to be secured at any price, and alleging that he was the only man to be found in the country capable of discharging the duties of the office. If Sir Leonard Tilley were to refuse the salary fixed by statute, as Minister of Finance, Sir John Macdonald could get another man to take his shoes instead of amending the statute to give him the salary he might require, but the Judicial Board could get no man for Secretary but Mr. Buchanan, and the only alternative was to make the salary to suit him. Comical, to say the least of it. Our merchants, in all conscience, with their capital invested, ought this year to make the profits they made two years ago, and though they will not, we know of no corporation or corporate body that is going to come to their rescue, though it is just as reasonable they should be guaranteed certain profits year in and year out, as that officials should be secured in stated salaries, let come what may in the financial world. Again the Major says that one reason for the high salary is the fact he has to pay annually \$120 to a guarantee company as security to the Board, and in the next breath he says the only way to obtain honesty in servant is to pay him a high salary. Here again is an incongruity. If the guarantee fee secures honesty, then why the high salary for the official, and if the high salary secures the end why the necessity for the guarantee? Why not deduct the amount paid the guarantee Co. from his salary and give the District the benefit of that? No; if Mr. Buchanan can afford to take a month at a time, for a trip to Ottawa on rifle business, which few business men can afford to do, without even asking the permission of the Board, it is a clear case either his services for a shorter period than 12 months in the year would serve the District or some of his assistants could be dispensed with. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Buchanan runs the Board—he goes away when his own will decrees it, he sends the greater part of his printing to Winnipeg, when men competent to judge get better work at home for less money. As a feeling for re-

trenchment has now overtaken the Board—that retrenchment ought to be general. If everything is to be tendered for in the future why not subject the Secy-Treasership to some kind of competition also? We would not expect the Board to give it to the cheapest man regardless of efficiency, but Mr. Buchanan's salary ought to be reduced to the figure for which equally competent men would undertake the work. We have no feeling in this matter beyond that of public interest. In seasons like the present, the faithful journalist is expected to suggest every reform for the public welfare, and this feeling alone actuates the penning of this paragraph.

It is now announced that A. C. Killam, Q. C., M. P. P., has been called to the Bench of the province in the room of Judge Smith deceased, and we feel convinced the Dominion Government could have made no appointment that will give more general satisfaction to all classes of the community. Mr. Killam is known to be a clever and painstaking lawyer, and above all a man of unblemished character. Although he lived through Winnipeg's boom the same as many more of his profession, yet he stood aloof from all the real estate gambling, as a thing that should terminate in some bad end, and today he stands free from all its entanglements and perplexities, nearly alone of his profession. His name was never once mixed in the world goose flights of his celebrated partner, Mr. A. W. Ross. As we have said the appointment must give the very best of satisfaction to entire circle of that gentleman's acquaintance, and afford another assurance of the desire of Sir John Macdonald to, under all circumstances, secure the best available material for the judiciary of the country. We congratulate Mr. Killam on his appointment, and the Dominion Government for its very excellent choice.

The last report is that C. E. Hamilton, Mayor of Winnipeg, is to be sworn in as Attorney General in the Norquay Government, and is to run for South Winnipeg in the room of Mr. Killam, who has been appointed Judge. On Mr. Hamilton's legal attainments, there are two opinions amongst the legal fraternity, but all unite in crediting him with a respectability, that will dwell in loneliness in the present combination at Winnipeg. As a speaker he is not a success, though he is clear headed and thoughtful, and possessed of a desire to do right under all circumstances. He was Reform in politics up to the introduction of the National Policy, and has ever since we believe acted with the Liberal Conservative party, but his politics can be no exception to his contention with a combination made up of unadulterated nothingness.

It is now well understood that Major Boulton has been appointed Chairman of the Western Judicial District Board. Against the Major's fitness for the position, no one who knows him can have a word to say, but we do protest against selecting a chairman so far removed from the place of duty, when there is no end to be served thereby. We do not know whether or not Mr. Daly would have taken the position again, but if not there are several good men of the Conservative party (and it is but reasonable a Conservative should have been selected, recognising the principles governments work on) in Brandon, and convenient thereto, who were available for the purpose. As the chairman should be here every week or two to sign cheques, and transact other business, the result will be that either the business will be neglected, or the tax-payers will be unnecessarily burdened for the chairman's mileage. With the Local Government it is no sooner out of one blunder than into another, whether intentional or otherwise.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Opening of the Session, Speech From the Throne.

Parliament opened at Ottawa last Thursday with all the customary ceremonies and display. The following Speech from the Throne read by His Excellency the Governor General foreshadows the work of the session:

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again meeting you for the despatch of business, I have to congratulate you on the abundant harvest with which providence has blessed our country, and upon the general condition of the Dominion. Its commercial prosperity, although it has to some extent shared in the depression which has prevailed in Great Britain and in the neighboring republic, rests upon foundations which no temporary or partial disturbance can move. I trust that the present year will be one of peace and progress.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

The flow of population into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, although impaired by various and unexpected causes, has been substantial, and the testimony of numbers of the British Association and other visitors to the Northwest last summer, as to the well-being, contentment and hopefulness of the settlers, is most gratifying.

THE TORRENS SYSTEM.

A bill, introducing into those territories a more simple and economical system for the transfer of land, will be laid before you.

CONSOLIDATING THE STATUTES.

The report of the commission for the consolidation of the statutes affecting the Dominion has been completed and will be submitted to you for legislative action.

ASSIMILATING THE FRANCHISE.

You are again invited to consider a measure relating to the representation of the people in Parliament and for the assimilation of the electoral franchises in the several provinces.

MANITOBA BETTER TERMS.

A provisional arrangement of matters for some time under discussion with the Government of Manitoba has been entered into, and a measure confirming the same will be submitted to you as soon as it has been accepted by the provincial legislature.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

I deemed it expedient to issue, during the recess, a commission to consider and report upon the whole subject of Chinese immigration, with reference to its trade relations, as well as to those social and moral objections which have been taken to the influx of Chinese people in Canada. The report of the commission is very nearly completed, and will be laid before you during the present session.

AIDING NORTHWEST RAILROADS.

The necessity of encouraging the speedy construction of lines of railway through the Northwest Territories, has pressed itself on my Government, and you will be asked to aid railway enterprise by liberal grants of land.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

Urgent representations have been made by the Boards of trade of the chief towns in Canada, as well as by some of the Chambers of Commerce in Great Britain, of the necessity that exists for the adoption of some system of bankruptcy or insolvency giving adequate protection against undue preferences, and your attention to this important subject is earnestly invited.

HUDSON'S BAY EXPEDITION.

In pursuance of the vote of last session I caused a vessel to be fitted out and despatched to Davis Straits and Hudson's Bay in order to obtain more accurate information as to the navigation of those waters and test the practicability of the route for commercial purposes. A report of the progress of the expedition during the past season will be laid before you.

CANADIAN REPRESENTATION ABROAD.

An international exhibition will be opened at Antwerp during the present year, and a Colonial and India exhibition is to be held in London in 1886. Canada should, I think, be represented in her various manufactures and natural productions on both occasions, and invoke your consideration of the best means of aiding in those important objects.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION.

Several other measures of importance will be submitted to you. Among them will be bills to amend

the Insurance Act of 1877, the Civil Service Act and law relating to contagious diseases among cattle, as well as measures for taking, at an early period, a census of the population of the Northwest Territories, and one relating to the Northwest Mounted Police.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts for the past fiscal year will be laid before you. You will find that, notwithstanding the very considerable reduction in prices and volume of many of the leading imports, the income has exceeded the expenditure chargeable to consolidated revenues.

THE ESTIMATE.

For the ensuing year will also be submitted. They will be found, I trust, to have been prepared with the due regard to economy.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I am sure that your earnest consideration will be given to the subjects I have mentioned, as well as to every matter which may affect the prosperity and good government of Canada.

THE GREAT CARNIVAL.

Thousands upon thousands of people from all parts of the continent are going to the Montreal Carnival at the end of January. We hear the Montreal Daily Star is bringing out a magnificent Carnival number, something that will eclipse in artistic merit and absorbing interest every illustrated paper heretofore issued in this country. It will have the attack on the ice-palace and defence by the Garrison in all its magnificent pomp and brilliancy; the tobogganning-fete in its true natural beauty, the ice-Condora after the Egyptian models, inaugurated with electric and pyrotechnic illuminations; the mammoth ice-cream (British), the great sleigh drive, embracing thousands of superb equipages, and probably the grandest thing of the kind of modern times; the fancy dress entertainments, true to nature; and a magnificent inset-plate of the ice-palace in tints—a fine picture for framing. It will be remembered that there was a tremendous furore over the last year's Carnival number of the Montreal Star, the issue running up nearly a quarter of a million. It is said this year's number will be far ahead of last. The artists are Bengough, Julia, Harris and Haberger. The writers, George Murray, John Reade, W. A. Douglass, "Abrondack" Murray and W. H. Turner. Grip sends for production in the Carnival Star a double page which is said to be the most side-splitting cartoon ever published in this country. Fifteen cents in stamps sent to the publishers, Graham & Co., Montreal, will secure a copy of what is said to be the greatest illustrated paper ever issued in this country.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF CITY SCHOOL.

On Friday afternoon of last week, the public examination in connection with our city school took place. It was our privilege to visit the several departments of the school, and note the work done in each. We were surprised to find so many pupils in each department. The order in all the rooms seemed to be very good, and everything done in a systematic manner. In Miss A. Nichols' room we found about eighty little ones all of whom seemed greatly interested in their work. The next department taught by Miss J. E. Nichol had about fifty pupils. The next taught by Miss McDiarmid had about forty-five, being two Standards IV. and V. The next in order was Mr. Lemont's department. Here we found about sixty pupils, and heard classes in Reading, Arithmetic and Geography, many of the pupils were told had been in the school but a short time.

Then we visited the Collegiate Department, under Principal Popham. We heard a class in English Literature gone through with, also one in Latin, and one in Geometry. In all these classes the one thing that seemed to strike us most was the readiness with which the pupils seemed to answer the several questions put to them by their teacher, which evinced careful teaching, and careful work on the part of the pupils. After the examination of these several classes was gone through with the visitors from the other rooms gathered into the Collegiate Department, to hear the prize essay on John Milton, the poet and statesman, read by Miss F. Hooper, and to witness the distribution of prizes. We cannot help but praise very highly Miss Hooper's essay as a literary production. Her style is good throughout and the essay was in all respects carefully

written. The medal presented by Messrs. Russell and Cooper given for general proficiency in English, was presented to Miss Hooper, by Mr. Russell. The following are the subjects which the pupils had to write on in composition: English Literature, Milton's Paradise Lost, first book; English Grammar, and Composition; Canadian History; English History; and an Essay to be written in the school. Mr. Barr's Medal was presented to Miss Hanna Leslie, by Rev. Mr. Douglass. This medal was given for proficiency in English and Mathematics, in the Junior Department.

Prizes were then presented by the Principal to the pupils who stood highest at the recent promotion examination in each department.

Diplomas for admission were also presented to the class entering into the Collegiate Department, the class numbers eleven. Speeches were then delivered by the Rev. Mr. McLaren, Chater, Rev. Mr. Douglass, Sheriff Clement, Mr. Shillinglaw and Rev. Mr. Boydell. In all these speeches the whole tenor seemed to be a feeling of general and complete satisfaction, with the way in which the school is being conducted, and a feeling of pride that we have such an institution in our midst, coupled with a determination to do all in their power to encourage the teachers and to support the school in all its work.

Sheriff Clement moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Douglass, a very hearty vote of thanks to Principal Popham and his staff of assistants, for their pains-taking in connection with the school. The motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Popham replied, and drew attention to the fact that the idea which seemed to be entertained as to numbers in connection with the Collegiate Department, was an over-estimate. He stated that he had between twenty-five and thirty pupils, with a daily average of twenty, and an incoming class of eleven, which would make the average about thirty for the next half year. The proceedings were then brought to a close, all seeming very much pleased with what they had seen and heard.

PROMOTION LIST.

List of Successful Pupils.

Entrance examination into the Collegiate Department, or promotion from Standard VII to Standard VIII. C. A. Rounsell, Walter Drew, Jas. Moffatt, Annie Stewart, J. B. Loason, W. A. Douglass, Stephen Clement, Stewart Campbell, Rita Boydell, Anna Crossley, Wm. Leslie.

FROM STANDARD VI. TO VII.

Jas. Bastedo, Wm. Reid, Esther Burrows, Jas. Cumming, Emma Gooding, Mary Knisley, Emily Miller, Thos. Drew, Geo. Bowden, Jno. Matheson, Frank Mitchell, Albert French, Geo. Forbes, Elsie Bennett, Bertie Walker, F. O. Stripp, Robert Douglass.

FROM STANDARD V TO VI.

Willie Douglass, Frank Weldon, Harry Dyell, Robert Gibson, Fred Maywood, Mabel Hooper, Clara Mitchell, Wm. Durand.

FROM STANDARD IV TO V.

Minnie Clark, Jno. Creighton, Mary Wilson, Lena Harris, J. W. Walker, Lena Beggs, Bertha Cooper, Emma Johnston, Thos. Durand, Louisa Fleming, Minnie Botting, Wilkie Collins, Maggie Weightman.

FROM STANDARD III TO IV.

Frank Bastedo, Jas. Abbott, Robt. Boyd, Lorraine Atkinson, Lizzie Shillinglaw, Willie French, Sarah Day, Orouille Glen, Richard Willing, Berta Bowden, Jno. Blackhall, Alletta Pasley, Mabel Duncan, Maggie Reynolds.

FROM STANDARD II TO III.

Stanley McMillan, Eddie White, David Nichol, Eddie Wastie, Geo. McKenzie, Frank Reid, Bella Hans, Lillian Brock, Mabel Brock, Clara Bastedo, Ida Farrar, Ella Stripp, Geo. McIntyre, Olive Bowden, Mary Thompson, Mary Stewart, Alice Brown, May McKinnon, Fred Douglass, Frank Collins.

FROM STANDARD I TO II.

Wm. Smith, Sam. Buchanan, Jas. Smith, S. J. McGregor, Jessie McGregor, Maud Wilson, Andrew Wilson, Geo. Johnston, Rebecca Boyd, Mary Dew, Dan. Smith.

HAIR DESTROYER.

ALEX. ROSS'S DEPIILATORY removes hair from the face, neck, and arms, one dollar per bottle, sent by post, securely packed, for 1 dollar. Hair-dye for light or dark colors, 50¢. Cuticle-riper, for growth of hair, 50¢. Curling fluid, 50¢. For giving beauty to the lips and cheeks. The skin tightener, for turning liquid, for black spots, each one dollar, sent by post for one dollar. Sprinkle for crooked limbs, 25¢. Medicine for obesity, 50¢. Complexion pills, 25¢. New Machine for shaping the nose, 50¢. For nose, the remedy for the skin, 10¢. "Rosa's Toilet Preparation," 10¢. All secretly packed for stamps. J. J. Leslie, Conant Street, High Holborn, London, England, and had through all chemists.

CANADIAN.

An Indian woman, who reached Sylvester B. C., in a famished condition, reported the killing of Indians, who took the woman and children into captivity. The murders were retaliation for an Indian killed by them last year.

There is an ice bridge across the St. Lawrence at Quebec.

David Moore, a colored man stabbed Dixon Pettibler of London, with a common knife on Tuesday.

The little daughter of H. Holan of Barry, killed herself last week by running against a painted stick.

Ralph Brown's block in Belleville, has been burned.

Street cars are to be placed on Queen Street east Toronto.

The Scott Act has been carried in Guelph, by a majority of 169.

Extensive C. P. R. stock yards have been opened in Manitoba.

The bug man of the department of agriculture, Professor Riley, is reported to be quite rich in this world's goods.

PLUM CREEK.

Jan. 28th, 1885.

A temperance meeting was held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of organizing a temperance society.

Very interesting addresses were given by B. J. D. Simpson, G. Hanna, and J. M. Harrison, and suitable music was furnished by the Sours Choir, during the intervals, after which the Blue Ribbon Society was organized. The Rev. G. Hanna was elected president. John Sanderson, Vice President; and Mrs. J. Dolmage, Secy-Treas.

Thirty-three members signed the pledge.

Mrs. DOLMAGE,
Secy-Treas.,
Blue Ribbon Society.

THE CONSOLATION OF A TOBACCO CHEWER.

Mrs. W.: I cannot understand why you insist on using tobacco. It is such a senseless, unpleasant habit. Your system is saturated with it.

Mr.: "But think of the satisfaction."

"What satisfaction can there be in such a practice?"

"Well, you know, my dear, that I've got to die some time."

"Of course, but—"

"And that after I shuffle off this mortal coil I will become food for worms."

"Certainly, but what has that to do with it?"

"It is a blessed consolation to me to know that those worms will be awfully sick."

SHE TOOK THE TRICK.

An Auburn lawyer's little daughter goes to Sabbath school and is in a class with other little girls. Possibly the Auburn legal luminary hasn't allowed for the sharp ears and bright eyes of his little one so much as he might.

It was a review last Sabbath in her class. The teacher was going over the good story of King Solomon and his wisdom.

"Now, dear, who was the great queen who traveled so many miles and miles to see this king?" Silence prevailed in the class.

"Why, you do know, all of you. The queen came to see the king."

The name had been forgotten by the class.

In order to help them, the kind but misguided teacher began to offer a little assistance. "You do know, I am sure. The name began with S, and she was a very great queen."

Just then, up shot a little head, and out spoke the triumphant voice of the little Auburn girl. She transfixed the listening school-room with the following brief statement, in a clear, business-like voice: "I know, teacher; it was the Queen of Spades."



MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa, until noon, on FRIDAY, 27th inst., for the purpose of awarding a contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract of four years, commencing on the 1st of January, 1886, and terminating on the 31st of December, 1889, from the 1st of April next.

The conveyance is to be made in a suitable vehicle, via Kilm.

The Mail is to leave Orange Ridge on Friday's afternoon, and arrive at Neepawa at 2 p. m. Leave Neepawa same day at 4 p. m., or after arrival of the mail from the east, and arrive at Orange Ridge within three hours afterwards.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Neepawa, Kilm, and Orange Ridge, or at the office of the Inspector.

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Minister at Ottawa of \$250,000 more, making its total Government Deposit in Canada
up to the above mentioned sum, all in first-class Government Bonds. This is about four
times the deposit of any other company.

BUSINESS OF 1883.

The following figures are taken from the Government Blue Books, and show the handsome
growth regular Life Insurance is making in Canada.

COMPANY.	1883 New Insurance.	Premiums of 1883.	Increase over 1881.	Working Expenses per \$100.	Deposit at Ottawa.
Ætna Life, Hartford.....	\$2,258,875	\$875,994	\$172,397	\$10.31	\$725,000
Canada Life.....	3,609,250	799,824	131,713	13.27	54,000
Confederation.....	2,280,692	309,377	94,639	21.83	75,467
Equitable, N. Y.....	1,845,000	302,404	82,039	14.85	165,000
Life Association, Hamilton.....	433,016	47,622	10,315	44.41	95,540
London & Lancashire.....	1,056,144	116,481	37,731	23.50	109,322
North American.....	1,347,183	90,941	56,588	33.77	50,000
Ontario Mutual.....	1,907,500	180,593	20,070	25.24	91,780
Standard, of Edinburgh.....	956,031	259,796	64,572	13.98	153,000
Sun, of Montreal.....	1,505,432	174,035	25,471	23.30	50,000
Travelers, Hartford.....	555,110	117,880	22,975	16.26	140,600
Union Mutual, Portland.....	709,250	113,419	18,645	47.	170,000

NEW INSURANCE.—The total obtained by 23 Companies was \$21,593,833—an increase
over 1881 of \$3,975,522. This shows an average increase of \$172,397 whilst the ÆTNA
LIFE'S increase was \$437,573, or nearly three times the average.

PREMIUMS PAID.—The total to 36 Companies in Canada in 1883 was \$3,759,702—an in-
crease in two years of \$665,013. The ÆTNA LIFE'S increase of \$172,397 was nearly
one third of the total increase, and over \$40,000 greater than that of any other Co.

WORKING EXPENSES.—Economy is a most important matter in a Life Insurance Com-
pany, and the difference between Companies in this respect is very great. The 4th
column in the above table is from official sources, and may be relied upon as approxi-
mately correct. The Company that consumes the smallest amount in working expenses, out
of each \$100 it receives, is the one that will, other things being equal, give the best re-
sults to its policy holders. Choose an economical company if you desire a satisfactory
return for your money.

In selecting a Company in which to maintain a Policy, the advice of the British Board of
Trade should ever be remembered: "The public cannot be misled if they select an office which
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Deranged Stomach, or irregular action of the Bowels.

AGRICULTURE.

How Much to Feed Animals.

Very few American farmers have ever made experiments to ascertain how much food an animal requires to keep it in good condition or cause it to grow fat. The abundance and cheapness of food in this country is probably one reason why so little attention has been directed to this subject, but in European countries the farmer is compelled to weigh or measure everything given to his animals, in order to know in what direction to look for his profit. Sir J. B. Laws of England, said that sheep will consume about fifteen pounds of dry or mixed food per week for each one hundred pounds live weight, and that they should yield about one pound increase in live weight for about nine pounds of dry substances of this food. Oxen will consume twelve to thirteen pounds of dry food to each one hundred pounds live weight weekly, and will increase one pound in weight to each twelve pounds of food consumed. Pigs should have about thirty pounds of corn per week for each one hundred pound live weight, but will lay on more flesh in proportion than either sheep or cattle.

FEEDING VALUE OF PRODUCTS.

Recent experiment have shown that the relative value of the substances named below are as given: One hundred pounds of hay are equal to 175 pounds green corn, 400 pounds of green clover, 442 pounds of rye straw, 300 pounds of wheat straw, 164 pounds of oat straw, 180 pounds of barley straw, 153 pounds of pea straw, 200 pounds of buckwheat straw, 400 pounds of dried corn-stalks, 175 pounds of raw potatoes, 504 pounds of turnips, 300 pounds of carrots, 54 pounds of rye, 64 pounds of wheat, 59 pounds of oats, 45 pounds of peas and beans, 64 pounds of buckwheat, 57 pounds of Indian corn, 68 pounds of acorns, 105 pounds of wheat bran, 167 pounds of wheat, pea, and oat chaff, 179 pounds of mixed rye and barley, 59 pounds of linseed, 339 pounds of mangel wurtzel. The price of a bushel of Indian corn being known, it will be easy to determine by the above the relative feeding value of the rest or any one of the other products. For example, if hay is worth \$10 per ton oat straw will be worth for feeding \$6.10 per ton; or if corn is worth 20 cents per bushel wheat should cost \$2.66 cents only to equal corn.

Horse Physiognomy.

A horse's head indicates his character very much as a man's does. Vice is shown in the eye and mouth; intelligence in the eye and breadth between the ears and between the eyes; spirit in the eye and in the nose; in the mobil nostril and active ear. The size of the eye, the thickness of the skin, making the face dony, the large open, thin-edged nostril, the fine ear and the thin, fine mane and foretop are indication of fine breeding, and accompany high-strung, nervous organization, which, with good limbs and muscular power, incurs a considerable amount of speed in the animal. The stupid, lazy horse that drivers call a "lunk head" has a dull eye usually, a narrow forehead and contracted poll. He is always a blunderer, forgets himself and stumbles on smooth ground, gets himself and his owner into difficulties, calks himself, is sometimes positively lazy, but often a hard goer. He needs constant care and watchfulness on the driver's part. A buyer of fine equine flesh should be able to detect the good and bad qualities of the animals he contemplates purchasing. This valuable knowledge is only acquired by a careful study of the various parts of horse physiognomy.—American Agriculturist.

Remedy for Cribbing Horses.

The habit of cribbing is considered by the best modern authorities a symptom of indigestion or a diseased condition of the stomach. Horses addicted to this vice are generally thin in flesh, but this condition is probably the result of the disordered state of the digestive organs rather than the act of grasping and pressing upon the manger or some other object with the teeth. A horse in which this habit has long existed can readily be recognized by the worn and rounded appearance of the edges of his front teeth, also by the enlarged appearance of the muscles which depress the jaw. The habit can be prevented in several ways, but is liable to return again when the preventing conditions are removed. By taking away the manger and feeding from the ground the animal will have nothing to rest his teeth upon, hence as a rule cannot gratify his propensities in this direction, except

in some very obstinate cases, when they will seize one of their knees and use that for cribbing purposes. By nailing a strip of sheep-skin about eight inches in width the entire length of crib, selecting a skin covered with wool and sprinkling it freely with cayenne pepper, renewing it occasionally, the worst cribber can be persuaded to desist from his habit.—Cultivator.

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.

The French have done wisely in contenting themselves with the coast of Madagascar for an advance inland upon the Havo capital would have been no easy task. A Havo king often boasts that no enemy could face his two commanders, but this is not the only obstacle to be contended against. The whole central part of the island is one vast natural fortress in fact a perfect inland Gibraltar, defended on all sides by tremendous precipices several hundred feet in height. When King Ranami I, the Napoleon of Madagascar, his Havo as to the conquest of the wild region where their capital now stands, his whole army despite its numbers and firearms, was held at bay at the foot of the cliffs for two entire days, all who attempted to ascend being killed by the large stones which the desperate mountaineers hurled down with ear-piercing yells. At length a nimble mark-man scrambled up a bare accessible part of the cliff to a point where their fire commanded the position of the besieged, who having no means of replying with effect were forced to abandon the situation. What kind of a figure a fully equipped French army would make in such a spot may be easily imagined. Ex.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Our elections passed off quietly, all the old councillors being re-elected. John Menzies is reeve. Ward 1 is represented by H. McKay and J. Templeton; Ward 2 by W. Simpson and W. Bryden; Ward 3 by W. Gardner and T. Martin.

Council held their first meeting in the Marshall House; all present, Reeves presiding. A. R. McDougall was re-elected Sec-Treas. at a salary of \$200. William Bates was chosen assessor and G. Greater and W. Gilbraith elected auditors. Council will meet again at the Queen's Hotel on the 20th of March.

A concert was given in the N. W. M. Police barracks in aid of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Kyle, Mrs. Hoy and others took prominent parts and we owe them our best thanks. Farmers are beginning to ship their grain to Minnedosa a distance of 40 miles, but it is the nearest cash market. We hope by next fall to have the railroad by our own doors, when times will be better for farmers.

LUCKY FRIDAYS.

Friday, long regarded as a day of illomen, has been an eventful one in American history.

Friday, Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery.

Friday, ten weeks after, he discovered America.

Friday, Henry the 11, of England gave John Cabot his commission, which led to the discovery of North America.

Friday, St. Augustine, the oldest town in the United States, was founded.

Friday, the Mayflower, with the Pilgrims, arrived at Plymouth, and on Friday they signed that august compact, the forerunner of the present constitution.

Friday, George Washington was born.

Friday, Banker Hill was seized and fortified.

Friday, the surrender of Saratoga was made.

Friday, Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, and on Friday the nation was made in congress that the united colonies were, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

Americans surely ought not to be afraid of Friday.

A man named Hantin, who lives near Lime Lake, township of Humberford, two of whose daughters were ill with scarlet fever, sold his last cow a few days ago to procure food, but spent the money in a tavern and went home drunk. About midnight he quarrelled with his wife and took up a heavy chair for the purpose of killing her. The oldest of the sick girls sprang out of bed and threw open the door, thus allowing her mother and sister to escape. The brute then struck the girl with a chair. The blow proved fatal, as the girl died a few hours later. The mother, who reached a neighbor's house in her night clothes, also died from the effects of the exposure, and mother and daughter were buried on the same day.

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A NEW COUNTERFEIT.

Coins That Resemble Silver in Appearance and Ring.

A Strange Combination of Glass and Base Metals Which Puzzles the Experts and baffles Analysis.

[New York Morning Journal.]
"That's no good," said the clerk, in the presence of a reporter, as he showed a 10-cent piece back across the counter of a Broadway restaurant.

"Yes, it is," said the man, who picked it up and again laid it down, ringing it as he did so.

The man behind the counter picked the token up, laid one edge of it on the counter, holding his thumb and forefinger on the other, and, with a quick pressure, broke it in two in a nearly straight line, which left about two even halves. The man looked on in stupefied astonishment, and picked up one of the pieces. The broken edge did not look like glass, but its texture showed readily that it was fragile and not malleable.

"Now, I'll show you," said the man, as he picked up a little hammer and gave the half lying on the counter a couple of quick cracks. It was pulverized as if it had been hammered in a mortar, and showed only bits of brittle, broken substance, glass-like in all respects except color. The particles were a dead lead color, and the still unbroken half showed a date of 1855, indicating that the counterfeiters had, on account of its dead color, decided to take an old instead of a recent date.

These coins have been made to weigh and ring so like silver that it is impossible to tell to what extent they have been circulated, and doubtless many have passed through many hands without creating any suspicion. Markers Bros., who handle enormous quantities of silver of all sorts, said they had seen two samples. The coins are made in all grades, and the samples they saw were both standard dollars. One of the brokers was trailing a fistful of dollars from his right hand to his left, when his eye caught the milled edge of the coin, which looked thicker than its predecessors or successors. Picking it out he found that the milling was not quite so distinct as it should be, and the coin had a dead look, but answered correctly to the touch. He threw it out, and refused to take it, returning it to his customer. A few days afterward a man came in with a similar coin, only that it was already broken in two pieces, which fell apart as the stacks of coins rippled over his finger ends. The edges looked like those of a lump of mica, or shoddy singlass, as they are found by geological field hunters. That there was glass in it he could only guess, and has never met any one who could suggest a method by which base metal could be combined with glass so as to give a true weight and the right ring. The glass is evidently intended to make the ring correct, and yet it must be thoroughly mixed with the metal or it could not be broken with the pressure of a thumb. It does not for a moment pretend to know how these glass counterfeiters are made, or how they can be made to weigh and ring, but the thing I do know is the touch and ring of genuine silver. Nothing else has the same touch or the same ring, and on that I cannot be deceived.

A reporter visited various silver and glass men in the city, in the hope of finding out what were the characteristics of the combination by which glass could be mixed with base metals. He did not succeed. The secrets of the counterfeiters are not known to the smelters, nor are they to the glass-workers, and neither can they understand how there can be an amalgam, or a fusing. The bad metal, according to that, must be some comparatively new discovery. Glass weighs only one-tenth that of silver, and no base metals approach the weight of silver, so that all are puzzled.

Revival of an Old Fashion.

[Chicago Tribune.]
A reporter was entering a barber-shop on West Madison street when he accidentally ran up against a fair-skinned, well-dressed young fellow who wore a black diamond shaped plaster upon one side of his chin. The reporter asked the barber if he had many customers who came to him to get patches put upon their faces. "It seems," said the reporter, with a sad effort to be jocular, "as if we were going to have in Chicago a revival of what Teanyou calls—
"The teacup time of head and hoop,
And while the patch was worn."

With somewhat of acidity in his tone the barber replied that he didn't know Mr. Teanyou, never was introduced to him, never shaved him, and didn't care a cent for his opinions about hoops and patches. The reporter tried to modify the barber by telling him that in Queen Anne's times it was the custom for boys and beaux to stick patches on their faces in order to render them more attractive. Thus, if one woman thought herself beautified by one small patch, a rival would think herself much more beautiful by sticking several patches on her face. "Oh, that's what yer after," said the barber. "Well, we do have a lot of young dukes leeching us to get black patches on their faces. They do it on all kind of pretences. One pretends he has got a war, which he wants covered up, and another says he's got a kind of a cut; but they all do it really to brighten their complexions and attract attention. And they're a darned set of nuisances, too, let me tell you. They're as particular about the set of their patches as a girl is trying on a new dress. They pretend they're real sorry about having to wear patches, and at the same time they're just as vain about them as monkeys with a looking-glass. Next!"

"Budded" Into Victory.

[Chicago Tribune.]
Representative Bull, of California, who was nominated by the Democrats merely as a practical joke and was most unexpectedly elected by a handsome majority, never has of being how at first he only laughed at the joke himself, but a few days later made a big speech, bearing the words, "Vote for Bull," and then, with his pretty little wife at his side, made a tour of the district, at first on foot and then on a "backboard," applying the stencil to barns, fences, rocks, trees, houses, churches, and every available spot, until the entire country had literally "budded" out into one tremendous campaign document, while at the same time they shook hands with every man and woman, and kissed all the children, and thus rolled up a thousand majority.

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TOWN TOPICS

The brass band will play at the Heron rink.

One week from Saturday next will be St. Valentine's day.

A gang of men left Brandon for the Rockies on the first of the week.

A Census of the North West Territory is to be taken next spring.

Tug of war at the rink to night; firemen against all comers.

Captain and Miss Wastie were registered at the Queen's, Winnipeg, on Monday.

Mr. Cummings of Cameron & Cummings returned from the east on Monday.

Cornwallis Council have adjourned for three months. They meet April 2nd.

A purse has been found and awaits the owner at Russell and Cooper's law office.

The city council will meet in future on the first and second Mondays in each month.

Mr. Lamonte is succeeding well with his night school, an evidence our young people are enterprising.

The assizes will open at Brandon on the 17th of March, and at the Portage on the 10th.

The Attorney General of the Brandon Reform Association polled 9 votes for school trustee on Monday, and was left in consequence.

Saturday's train brought from the east Judge Walker, and Postmaster Kavanagh and his bride. Welcome back.

Douglas Ayer, Sec-Treas, of Daly Municipality has resigned. D. Cascade has been appointed Secretary, and J. Browning, Treasurer.

A certain Alderman was absent last Monday night, and consequently there was no *larking* during the business of the evening.

His many friends will be glad to hear that Mr. Clementi Smith is rapidly recovering from his illness, but we regret to learn his estimable wife has had a relapse, and is now as low as ever.

John Frompton an Englishman, who had his feet badly frozen near Plum Creek about Christmas, was removed to the hospital on Monday. It is feared he will lose the greater part of both feet.

O'Donovan Rossa, chief of the dynamiters, was shot by a young English woman, in front of the Stewart building, New York on Monday last. It is possible he may recover.

Major Boulton, of Birtle, has been appointed chairman of the Western Judicial Board in the room of T. M. Daly resigned. The new Board will hold its first meeting on the 17th.

The people have at length settled their school trouble. Mr. John Doran has given an acre of ground for \$40, and the site is definitely fixed for the school building.

The Rapid City Standard has ceased publication for the want of patronage. Every element is eager to have a paper to advance its cause, and many of them expect the publications to live on the wind after they are established.

It is said that Mr. Beatty is disposing of \$3,500,000 of the Manitoba Central R.R. Stock, and that about 100 miles of the road will be built next summer. Now is the time for Brandon to make an effort to secure the terminus.

The council has decided to submit the difficulty between the city and Mr. Christie to arbitration, provided the latter agrees to this course. In case arbitration is agreed upon Mr. W. J. Marshall will act for the city.

The firemen decided at their debate on Tuesday night that man will do more for money than for love. The subject for next meeting is Resolved that the dog is more serviceable to man than the gun. M. Corrigan lends the affirmative and R. Croford the negative.

Mr. Van Horne says the C. P. R. now no longer object to other railways crossing the boundary. This ought to give an impetus to railway enterprises in Manitoba, and ought to encourage the construction of two lines Southwesterly from Brandon.

Mr. Tew, near Brandon Hill, was exhibiting a huge wild cat at the Royal Hotel, Tuesday evening, he shot it near his residence a few days before. These animals are said to be numerous in that locality.

The steamer, Alpha, which has been lying in the river north of the city is to be fitted up at once by the North West Navigation Co. As soon as navigation opens, she will be taken to ply on the Red River and Lake Winnipeg.

In this issue we begin a serial story, which we flatter ourselves will prove acceptable to our readers. The story is new being published about three months ago. The opening chapter may seem dull, but later on it will be found not to be lacking of interest. In our estimation the story is admirably told and the interest well sustained. The fact that the plot has been produced on the New York stage, is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence.

MASONIC CONCERT & HOP.

The entertainment to be given under the management of the local masonic fraternity (Brandon Lodge No. 19) at the masonic hall on Wednesday, 11th inst., promises to be an unusual treat in a musical way.

The programme, which will be issued in a day or two, will present the names of well known popular performers, some strangers to Brandon audiences and some old time favorites. The reserved seat plan will be shown at Mr. Durst's jewelry store where seats can be secured. For those who enjoy dancing another treat will be provided, as the hall adjoining the concert room is being specially prepared for the occasion.

SCHOOL BOARD.

The trustee elections passed off quietly. There was, however, a poll in each of the wards, save the second, where the candidates were elected by acclamation. The future board is as follows:

WARD I.
Sheriff Clement and A. L. Sifton.
WARD II.
J. Russell and J. A. Christie.
WARD III.
E. Hughes and F. Tamblin.
WARD IV.
W. J. White and J. Powers.

ROSSER AVENUE RINK.

The second Carnival of the season was held in the above rink on Thursday evening, and was in every sense a grand success.

There were fifteen incostumes and taken together they presented a varied and beautiful panorama of ancient and modern costumes. The ladies of course were most tastefully and artistically attired, and added greatly to the beauty of the scene, by their graceful movements. We think the lady judges had a difficult task in awarding the prize, as three or four were so well deserving of the honor—Miss Anna Matheson, carried off first prize however and most of the large audience were pleased by the decision arrived at. Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Bawdon and Mrs. McTearish, were the judges of the ladies costumes—Capt. Morton, associated with Messrs. Lee and Molesworth, awarded Mr. T. M. Quigley, the gent's prize for his representation of Don Pedro. Mr. Herron has to be congratulated on the fine appearance of his rink, and the good order maintained during the evening.

The "elevated" Band played at intervals during the evening, and at the close all retired to their homes well satisfied with the entertainment. Below will be found a list of those who were in costume, as far as we were able to get names and characters:

Little Butter Cup, Master Boisseau, Clown, Eddie Wastie; Grandmother, Bessie Hannam; Grecian Pirate, W. Cuthbertson; Midshipman; H. Bowers and Rita Boydell; Italian Brigand, E. Crossley; Croquet Player, Lottie Smith; A British Tar, L. A. Shaw; Yours if you name it, Sandy Fleming; French Clown, Walter Hannam; Sailor Boy, A. French; Jockey, S. Buchanan; The Old Maid, Bella Robinson; Sisters, Bertha Parish; Fireman, Sam White; Girl of the Regiment, Nellie Brownlee; Jack of Hearts, J. H. Todd; Chief of Police, C. N. Maywood; Mar's Sailor Boy, Jas. Blackhall; Darkey, Joe Wier; Evening Star, Minnie Leason; Chas. I. F. Rouncefoll; Hard Times, Alie Smith; Barnum's Young Clown, T. O. Stripp; Juno, Lena Johnston; Young Ladies Auxiliary, Jennie Smith; Don Pedro, T. M. Quigley; Bandsman, J. S. Ferguson; Sailor, Burchell, Prisoner, Honey; Frank James, Herb

D. A. REESOR'S JEWELRY STORE.

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Headquarters for Christmas Goods in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Novelities, etc. All are invited to call and examine our elegant display of rich, new designs, and none need feel any obligation to purchase unless so disposed. Drop in and you'll feel repaid.

Sign of the Horseshoe.

D. A. REESOR,

Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler

Walker; Stars of Evening, E. J. Henry; Juno, Anna Matheson; Neggar Hinstul, L. W. Delaney; Night, Ellie French; Ace of Hearts, C. W. Winter; Granny, Emma Johnston, Fireman, J. W. Fleming; Shepherdess, Emily Bennett; Frivality, Minnie Wastie; Cow-boy, Miss Gooding

NEW W. J. D. BOARD.

The members of the Western Judicial District Board were selected on Tuesday, and Messrs. Fraser, Helliwell, Gillies of Minnesota, and W. S. Crerar, are the lucky ones. It is not unlikely that there will yet be some fun in the Brandon and Dennis choice, as Mr. Kirchhoffer says he can get six out of the possible eleven Reeves to swear they voted for him. The case, however, is more than likely stands thus: In the first place Mr. Kirchhoffer himself voted for Mr. Helliwell, and cast a ballot subsequently for himself, and Mr. Hall voted firstly for himself, and secondly for Mr. Kirchhoffer. As the first votes in each case were the ones that were counted, the explanation of the result is apparent. Two or three of the ballots were not opened and therefore not counted, as the envelopes were not marked outside as the law directs. It is a curious fact that three or four of the envelopes were addressed in the same hand writing.

CITY COUNCIL.

Auditors Appointed—Dada to Meet twice per Month—Christie vs City—the City Printing.

At a rather late hour the sages congregated round the Board on the ball opened.

His Worship and Alds, Cameron, Bucke, Hughes, Robinson, Dickinson, Johnston, Arthur, Kavanagh, Lee, and Barclay were in attendance.

After roll call and minute reading the clerk read the following:

COMMUNICATIONS.

City Solicitor stating that the Judicial Board should annually pay the city interest on \$7,000 at 12 per cent. In this case, however, the amount owed the Judicial Board by the city was in excess of this amount. It was consequently thought advisable to insist on payment.

P. C. Dunkin, asking for recommendation which was granted.

A. M. Peterson, stating that as chairman of the city railway committee, he would advise the council not to hesitate in paying the \$35 which was his share of the cost of procuring a charter for the Brandon, Souris Valley, and Rock Lake R. R. Referred to Finance Committee.

W. Walker, applying for auditing City Books.

A printing tender from the Sun Office, was here handed in, but as the printing committee had met at 4 o'clock, and all tenders should have been in then, it was deemed too late, and not opened.

REPORTS.

The Finance Committee recommended.
1st. That the following be paid:
A. Freeland, stationery \$4.75.
Officials salaries for month, \$567.72.

2nd. That F. C. Paterson's tender for stationery, and C. Cliffe's tender for printing be accepted. Report adopted.

The committee appointed to investigate the suit of Christie vs. City regarding the hose tower difficulty, advised that the matter be left to arbitration and that a complete valuation of the work done be made; one arbitrator to be appointed by the council, and the other by Mr. Christie, these two to have power to call a third and that the costs of arbitration be equally divided. They submitted the following statement which extends up to the time the contractors abandoned the work.

Contract price..... \$4000.00
Paid to date as follows:
Architects estimates..... \$1850.00.
Twenty per cent.
on same..... \$370.00
Over paid..... \$221.06
Forfeited..... \$466.11
\$2 687.90

Balance unpaid..... \$1312.83
REPORT ADOPTED.

W. J. Marshall was chosen arbitrator for the city in case Mr. Christie should agree to this course.

Cameron—Robinson, that Thos. Lockhart be City Auditor

Lee—Hughes, in amendment that W. Walker, be auditor at \$25.

The amendment was put and the yeas and nays called. The following is the result:

YEAS.	NAYS.
Bucke.	Cameron.
Johnston.	Robertson.
Barclay.	Dickinson.
Hughes.	
Kavanagh.	
Arthur.	
Lee.	

Mr. Walker was therefore chosen. The Mayor nominating J. L. Campbell as the other.

A by-law was passed arranging for fortnightly meetings.

REMARKABLE RESTORATION.

Mrs. Adelaide O'Brien, of Buffalo, N. Y. was given up to die by her physicians, as incurable with consumption, it proved Liver Complaint and was cured by Burdock Blood Bitters.

BORN.

On the 30th ult. the wife of Mr. J. Hanbury, of this city, of a son.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

WANTED—A good servant girl, only those who understand house work need apply. GEO. R. CALDWELL, Barrister, Brandon.

WANTED—Sewing by the day, in families, by a first-class dressmaker, recently from Ontario. Apply at this office.

WANTED—A servant girl, apply at the Grand View.

WANTED—Farmer's daughter to do the general housework of a small private family. A good girl will get a nice steady place. Address Box 25, Brandon, P. O.

NIGHT SCHOOL!

Classes in English, Penmanship and Photography, meet in the reading room, Manitoba Book, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at 7.30 p. m. Terms moderate.

WANTED TO RENT.

WANTED TO RENT—A comfortable medium sized dwelling, in a good location and convenient to the business portion of the city. Apply to J. B. Mail Office.

LOST.

LOST—On Tuesday the 2nd inst. between the Court House and the Johnston Estate, a buffalo saddle. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at the Police Station, Brandon, or with Mr. W. J. Kerr, Johnston Estate. Feb. 3rd, 1885.



MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on FRIDAY, 27th of February, 1885, for the conveyance of her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for one year, once per week, from Brandon to DECIAR and WILLYN, from April 1st, next.

The conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle. The Mails to leave Brandon every Friday, at 8 p. m., arrive at Willyn at 9.45 a. m., or before arrival of Mails from Moosemin. Leave Willyn same day at 10.30 a. m., after arrival of Mails from Moosemin arrive at Deciar at 12.15 p. m. or if more suitable for persons tendering: Leave Willyn on Friday at 10.30 a. m., after arrival of Mails from Moosemin, arrive at Deciar at 12.15 p. m. Leave Deciar same day at 2.00 p. m., arrive at Willyn at 4.45 p. m.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Brandon, Deciar and Willyn, or at the office of the Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office, Winnipeg, January 26th, 1885.

W. W. MCLEOD, P. O. Inspector.

NOTICE!

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned as Mechanics under the name of "Child & Timewell," at the city of Brandon, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Jas. T. Child at Brandon aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Jas. T. Child by whom the same will be settled.

Dated at Brandon this twenty-seventh day of January, A. D. 1885.

JAMES T. CHILD,
J. ARTHUR W. TIMEWELL.

Witness,
W. A. Macdonald.

NOTICE!

IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislature of Manitoba at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate "The South of Companies of Jews," of the Province of Manitoba, as a body corporate. Dated at Winnipeg, A. L. A. PRUDHOMME, this 30th Jan., 1885. Solicitor for Applicants.



Royal Hotel Sale Repository.

BRANDON.

Auction Sale of Horses, Oxen, Cows and other Live Stock.

Agricultural Implements, Etc., Etc.

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN EVERY MONTH. Next Sale takes place WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18th. Entries for this sale close on the 17th inst.

C. PILLING, Auctioneer.